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SUBJECT: COUNTERTRADE STUDY: REVIEW OF DRAFT

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1. COUNTERTRADE STUDY ACCURATELY REFLECTS POSITION OF
COUNTERTRADE (CT) IN CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE POLICY. THERE IS
NO OVERALL CT POLICY HERE, AND WESTERN BUSINESSMEN FIND
CONSIDERABLE VARIATION FROM FTO TO FTO.

2. A FEW FTO'S HAVE BEGUN TO APPLY EXTREME PRESSURE FOR
SOME FORM OF CT, WHILE OTHERS PAY IT NO HEED. THERE IS
ALSO NO PATTERN IN THE PERCENTAGE REQUIRED IN CT ARRANGE-
MENTSFRMME FTO FOR EXAMPLE, IS BEGINNING TO INSIST ON 100
PERCENT WHILE ANOTHER SEEMS TO SETTLE FOR AROUND 30 PERCENT.

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3. EMBOFF RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED SENSITIVITY ON
SUBJECT FROM FTO OFFICIAL WHO PERCEIVED THAT INSISTENCE ON
COUNTERTRADE COULD BE CONSTRUED AS VIOLATION OF GATT. WE HAVE NOT
PREVIOUSLY NOTED SUCH AN INTERPRETATION AND WOULD BE
INTERESTED TO KNOW IF OTHERS HAVE HEARD SIMILAR
ARGUMENT.

4. EMBASSY HAS BLANK COUNTERTRADE AGREEMENT FROM
ONE FTO AND HOPES TO RECEIVE ANOTHER SHORTLY. AT
LEAST ONE SUCH REQUESTED FORM (PARA 2, REFTTEL) WILL
BE IN MAIL SOON.
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